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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following:

[0017] Generally, the firewall 110 protects a network of devices or computers from intentional hostile intrusion that could compromise confidentiality or result in data corruption or denial of service. It may be a hardware device or a software program running on a secure host computer, or a combination of hardware and software. In the example, the devices being protected by the firewall 110 ~~includes~~ include a gateway device 150, an internal contact point 160, N registered internal peers 170_1 to 170_N, and K unregistered internal peers 180_1 to 180_K.

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